



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. Of: ITO  
Serial No.: 09/735,005  
Filed: December 12, 2000  
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING DUMMY GATES...  
Group: 2811  
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**AMENDMENT E WITH  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Action mailed July 30, 2003. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) accompanies this Amendment.

Please amend the Application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this Amendment.

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